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THE CITY CLERK

CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

CITY HALL, CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 02139 • (617) 498-9017

May 19, 1982

Mr. David Hoicka
12 Lopez Street
Cambridge, MA

Dear Mr. Hoicka:

Please be advised that the City Council is in receipt of your communication dated May 14, 1982, with regard to the towing of motor vehicles in connection with street cleaning. In response to your request the Council has scheduled a public hearing to be held on Monday, May 24, 1982 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chamber, City Hall. Your presence is hereby requested at this time.

Your kind attention in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Paul E. Healy", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the beginning.

Paul E. Healy, City Clerk.

PEH/mh

City of Cambridge

CITY COUNCIL HEARING SCHEDULE

Sunday, May 23, 1982	9:30 A. M.	The Finance Committee of the City Council will meet to discuss the Fiscal Year 1982-1983 budget for Health and Hospitals, Women's Comm., Library Department, Veteran's Benefits, Animal Commission, the School Dept., the Public Investment Program and the General Financial Plan. (City Council Chamber)
Monday, May 24, 1982	5:00 P. M.	Regular City Council Meeting. (City Council Chamber)
	6:00 P. M.	The City Council has scheduled a public hearing to discuss a "citizen's complaint" with regard to the office of the Cambridge Animal Commission (Ging Gay, Director of the Animal Commission has been invited to attend). (City Council Chamber)
	7:00 P. M.	The City Council has scheduled a public hearing in answer to the request of David Hoicka, to discuss automobile towing and street cleaning procedures in Cambridge. (City Council Chamber)
Wednesday, May 26, 1982	5:30 P. M.	The Committee on Claims will meet to discuss pending claims against the City. (Walnut Room)
Wednesday, June 2, 1982	5:30 P. M.	The Finance Committee of the City Council will meet to discuss the Fiscal Year 1982-1983 budget for Human Resource Development. (City Council Chamber)
Thursday, June 3, 1982	5:30 P. M.	The Committee on Ordinances will meet to discuss the following: A proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinances to add a new section entitled "Flood Plain Overlay District". (City Council Chamber)



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE
INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

To Robert W. Healy, City Manager

Date May 19, 1982

From Paul E. Healy, City Clerk

Reference

Subject Council hearing to discuss street cleaning and
towing in the city

Please be advised that the City Council has scheduled a public hearing for Monday, May 24, 1982 at 7:00 p.m. in response to a communication received from David Hoicka, a copy of which is enclosed.

The purpose of said hearing will be to discuss automobile towing in connection with street cleaning practices in the City of Cambridge. Mr. Hoicka has been invited to attend at this time and perhaps you might feel it appropriate that representatives of those city departments connected with these operations should be designated to attend as well, notably the Public Works Dept., Traffic and Parking, the Police Department and the City Solicitor.

Your kind attention in this matter will be greatly appreciated by this office.

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Enclosure

RECEIVED BY
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Cambridge,

May 14 19 82

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City of Cambridge,
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I am writing to request a non-partisan hearing before the City Council on the subject of automobile towing and street-cleaning.

Residents who called City Hall this spring were advised that due to financial considerations resulting from Prop. 2½, street-cleaning would not begin in April of this year as posted on street signs. Hence, their cars would not be towed, and they shouldn't worry about it.

Additionally, in the past, the City has customarily mailed out notices in advance of the street-cleaning season to warn motorists to be aware of street-cleaning. This was not done this year. Further, customarily sound trucks have been used in advance of towing to warn residents to move their cars. This has been done, but only sporadically, and many streets have been missed.

Without adequate warning, towing commenced in May.

Consequently, hundreds and thousands of cars are being towed because of a lack of communications and understanding of Cambridge's towing and street-cleaning procedures.

While towing is clearly required in emergency situations, most of these tows are non-essential, and could be eliminated.

I am asking that the Council review the City's policies and procedures concerning towing vehicles, and the kind of notice that should be extended to car owners before-hand. Also, I am asking that the Council review the City's methods and practices of cleaning streets.

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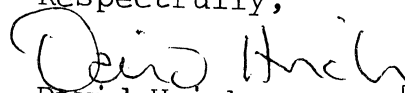
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Reasonable individuals may differ on the perfect solution to these problems. But there does appear to be a fair consensus of feeling that the present approach to towing and street-cleaning can be greatly improved.

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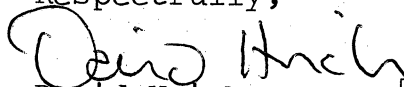
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PETITION

of David Hoicka
for a public hearing to discuss street
cleaning procedures and towing of
No. vehicles.

May 24 1982

Hearing for 7:00
May 24th at 17PM

Petitioner notified of hearing 5/20/82
+ also City Manager mba

In City Council, May 17, 1982

Referred to the Committee on

Attest:

City Clerk.

- Hearing Held -
Placed on File